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SUBJECT: EHMKE AND SCHMIDT-KUESTER VISITS, US/FRG

AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION

REF: STATE 020804

1. SUMMARY: DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER WILL PARTICIPATE IN FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE THEN REMAIN IN WASHINGTON POSSIBLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 15 TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EHMKE VISIT. SCHMIDT-KUESTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FRG OFFICIALS PREPARED TO DISCUSS FRG ENERGY R AND D PROGRAM, PLANS FOR EHMKE VISIT AND COMPLETE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REACTOR SAFETY R AND D. FRG DRAFT JOINT VISIT DECLARATION NOT YET READY FOR DISCUSSION WITH USG. END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED IN EMBASSY'S ENERGY CONFERENCE REPORTING CABLES, DR. WOLF-JUERGEN SCHMIDT-KUESTER, "DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY" FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, WILL SERVE AS ENERGY R AND D MEMBER OF FRG DELEGATION TO FEBRUARY 11

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ENERGY CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING CONFERENCE HE WILL REMAIN

IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH 2-8 VISIT TO US BY FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTER EHMKE. SCHMIDT-KUESTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. ZIEGLER, CHIEF OF MINISTRY'S NEW OFFICE OF NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS DURING CONFERENCE SESSIONS. ZIEGLER WILL BE PREPARED TO REVIEW FRG ENERGY R AND D PROGRAM AND WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN PLANNING A STUDY TRIP OF US ENERGY R AND D FACILITIES. FRG ALSO HOPES TO SEND MR. GARBECK, AN ENGINEER AND PATENT LAWYER FROM THE KARLSRUHE NUCLEAR CENTER, WHO WILL BE QUALIFIED TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AEC OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND (MOU) FOR COOPERATION IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND IN REACTOR SAFETY R AND D. GARBECK IS NOW ILL BUT FRG TECHMIN REPS HOPE FOR HIS RECOVERY IN TIME TO JOIN GERMAN GROUP.

3. MINISTERIAL COMPETENCIES: RE PARA 3 REFTEL: ONE CONTACT RESPONDED, "JUST AS COMPLEX AS YOURS." BRIEFLY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY POLICY. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL, INCLUDING REGULATION OF NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING ENERGY R AND D, REACTOR SAFETY R AND D AND ENVIRONMENTAL R AND D. MINISTER EHMKE IS CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE FRG CABINET OFFICER TO SIGN MOU'S FOR COOPERATION IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND WOULD BE COMPETENT TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN ENERGY R AND D. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THIS LATTER TOPIC IS COMPLEX AND AN AGREEMENT AT THE GOVERNMENT-GOVERNMENT LEVEL MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO INSURE FRUITFUL PROGRAMS IN THE MORE APPLIED FIELDS SUCH AS IMPROVED UTILIZATION OF COAL AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MINING TECHNOLOGY WHICH WOULD PROBABLY FALL WITHIN COMPETENCE OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS. OTHER MINISTRIES, HEALTH, FAMILY AND YOUTH, FOR EXAMPLE, PLAY A ROLE IN MONITORING THE ENVIRONMENT OR IN CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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R AND D. RUMORS OF TOP LEVEL CHANGES IN FRG GOVERNMENT WHEN NEW PRESIDENT IS SELECTED INCLUDE SPECULATION (CONSIDERED 80 PERCENT PROBABLE BY SOME CONTACTS) THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY FOR HOUSING, CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS LATTER CHANGE, SHOULD IT OCCUR, WOULD NOT RPT NOT AFFECT NEGOTIATION OF US-FRG GOVERNMENT-GOVERNMENT "ENVIRONMENTAL" AGREEMENT (STATE 020929).

4. IN VIEW LIMITED TIME PRIOR TO EHMKE VISIT, FRG
HOPES SCHMIDT-KUESTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES, ASSISTED BY
FRG EMBASSY, CAN COMPLETE NEGOTIATION OF TWO MOU'S IN
WASHINGTON. FRG IS CONSIDERING GIVING EMBASSY FULL
AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE, EVEN INCLUDING RATHER

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UNUSUAL STEP OF AUTHORIZING DIRECT EMBASSY COMMUNICA-
TION WITH EC TO OBTAIN NECESSARY APPROVAL. FRG
OFFICIALS IN BONN HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY HOPE FOR
MEANINGFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF PATENT RIGHTS,
EXCHANGE AND PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND
SIMILAR DIFFICULT POINTS. THEY WOULD REGRET IT WERE
IT NECESSARY TO GLOSS OVER THESE QUESTIONS SIMPLY TO
GET MOU'S READY FOR MINISTER EHMKE'S SIGNATURE.

5. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, FRG TECHMIN OFFICIALS HAVE
REQUESTED EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT TO FORWARD DRAFT TEXT OF
JOINT DECLARATION DISCUSSED IN BONN 868. THIS WORKING-
LEVEL TEXT RAN INTO TROUBLE WHEN REVIEWED AT HIGHER

LEVEL. ALTHOUGH TEXT DID, AS INDICATED IN PARA 8, BONN 868, REFER TO EUROPEAN PROGRAMS AND TO EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH US, IT WAS VIEWED AS NOT RPT NOT "EUROPEAN" ENOUGH. SLIGHTLY DISGRUNTLED TECHMIN REPS EXPLAIN THAT NO MINISTER OF THE FRG CAN TRAVEL ANYWHERE DURING FRG'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF EC COUNCIL, WITHOUT MAKING CONSPICUOUS AND FREQUENT REFERENCES TO EC PROGRAMS. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR EHMKE
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NOW THAT EC HAS OUTLINED AN R AND D PROGRAM.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET KNOW HOW TECHMIN WILL AMEND DRAFT DECLARATION TO MEET THIS POINT. PERHAPS IT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY IN THIS JOINT DECLARATION, TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO US-EC COOPERATION IN R AND D AND FOR AN FRG PLEDGE TO FACILITATE SUCH COOPERATION. TECHMIN DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO REDRAFT DECLARATION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE. THEIR PRESENT DRAFT ALREADY PROVIDES A BLANK SPACE FOR AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE. PROFESSOR GOTTSTEIN HAS A COPY OF THIS FIRST DRAFT ON "NOT-FOR-USE" BASIS. EMBASSY S AND T COUNSELOR SUGGESTED GOTTSTEIN BE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS IT DISCREETLY WITH HIS CONTACTS IN SCI.
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